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SUBJECT: BOOING OF US ATHLETES AT PAN AM GAMES

1. EMBOFFS WHO ARE FOLLOWING PAN AM GAMES AS WELL AS MEMBER OF PRESIDENT'S OLYMPIC COMMISSION REPORT WIDESPREAD BOOING OF US ATHLETES BY SPECTATORS. ALTHOUGH AUDIENCE JEERED ANY AND ALL OPPOSING MEXICAN ATHLETES, AMERICANS SEEMED TO SCORE HIGHEST ON BOOING SCALE, AN IMPRESSION REPORTED BY ALL WHO ATTENDED GAMES. THOSE WHO WATCHED GAMES ON TV BELIEVE THAT BOOING ADVERSELY AFFECTED PERFORMANCES, ESPECIALLY IN CASE OF MORE INEXPERIENCED ATHLETES, LATTER WAS CONFIRMED IN CONVERSATIONS WITH MEMBERS OF U.S. OLYMPIC COMMISSION.

2. CUBAN ATHLETES, ON OTHER HAND, WERE INVARIABLY CHEERED -- EXCEPT WHEN THEY COMPETED WITH MEXICANS -- BY LARGE AND WELL-ORGANIZED CHEERING SECTIONS SCATTERED THROUGH CROWDS AT ALL MAJOR EVENTS.

3. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO LONGTIME RESIDENTS, BOOING CONTRASTS WITH COURTEOUS RECEPTION ACCORDED U.S. AT 1968 OLYMPICS. ONE RELATIVELY INNOCENT EXPLANATION OF AUDIENCE HOSTILITY LIES IN TRADITIONAL AMERICAN DOMINANCE OF PAN AM GAMES WHERE AMERICANS HAND OUT MORE

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THAN IN THE MORE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC GAMES CORRESPONDINGLY

WELL-TRAINED CUBANS REPRESENT BEST HOE IN CON-  
TEST OF LATINS VS. GRINGOS. IN THIS RESPECT, HIGH  
ATTENDANCE BY STUDENTS -- MOST RADICAL ELEMENT OF  
MEXICAN SOCIETY -- MAY ALSO ACCOUNT FOR MUCH OF BOOING.

4. ANOTHER, TO SOME EXTENT COMPLEMENTARY OPINION VIEWS  
SPECTATOR HOSTILITY TO US AND SUPPORT CUBA AS MANIFESTATIONS  
OF THIRD-WORLDISM AND BELIEVES THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION'S  
FIVE YEARS OF THIRD WORLD RHETORIC, REPORTED DAILY AND  
EMBELLISHED UPON BY SUBSERVIENT PRESS, HAVE PERCOLATED  
THROUGH THE MASS CONSCIOUSNESS. END RESULTS COULD BE  
UNDESIRABLE, EVEN FROM STANDPOINT OF GOM.  
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